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SUBJECT: FURTHER MOVES RE IRAQ MISSION FIREARMS

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1. AS THE NEXT STEP IN HANDLING THE PROBLEM OF THE IRAQ UN MISSION'S ACQUISITION OF FIREARMS, APPROPRIATE SENIOR USUN OFFICIAL SHOULD MEET AGAIN AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE IRAQ UN AMBASSADOR TO A) REQUEST AN EXPLANATION OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE MISSING THIRTY SUBMACHINEGUNS AND B) REQUEST THAT THE MISSING WEAPONS--EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY--BE TURNED OVER TO THE USG. THE MEETING PLACE CAN BE AGREED UPON AT THE DISCRETION OF USUN.

2. THE USUN REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S COOPERATION IN RETURNING SOME OF THE GUNS. BUT HE SHOULD IMPRESS THE AMBASSADOR WITH THE
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FACT THAT, UNTIL ALL ONE HUNDRED WEAPONS ARE TURNED OVER TO

THE USG, THERE REMAINS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. THE APPROACH TO THE IRAQ AMBASSADOR SHOULD STRESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT FOUR CASES OF WEAPONS WERE DELIVERED TO THE IRAQI MISSION ON NOVEMBER 12. YOU SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE FURTHER PUBLICITY ON THE MATTER WHEN THE PROCUREMENT AGENT WHO MADE THE ILLEGAL SHIPMENT IS PUBLICLY INDICTED WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THE USUN REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ASK FOR AL-TAYYAR'S ACCOUNT OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE GUNS, WHICH WE PRESUME AMBASSADOR HAS SOUGHT, SINCE HE ADMITTED THAT AL-TAYYAR HAD HANDLED THE TRANSACTION.

4. FYI: THIS POSITION HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE CONCERNED OFFICES OF JUSTICE AND TREASURY. THEY FEEL THAT THEIR REQUIREMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SATISFIED AND ANY FURTHER ACTION IS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION. NEVERTHELESS, A TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE INVITED TO ACCOMPANY ANY USUN OFFICIAL. ASIDE FROM THE POSSIBILITY THAT THESE GUNS MAY BE USED HERE OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD FOR UNLAWFUL PURPOSES (AND TERRORISM IS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED), WE MUST INSIST ON A TURNOVER OF THE GUNS BECAUSE THEIR UNLAWFUL DISPOSITION OR EXPORT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT (PM/MC) ADMINISTERS. END FYI.

5. USUN SHOULD INFORM UN LEGAL OFFICE THAT IRAQI MISSION HAS TURNED OVER 70 WEAPONS AND THAT WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IRAQI MISSION OVER THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING WEAPONS.

6. AS LONG AS A DIALOGUE WITH THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR WILL POSSIBLY PRODUCE HELPFUL INFO, WE SHOULD NOT APPROACH UN LEGAL OFFICE TO BRING ABOUT AL-TAYYAR'S DEPARTURE, BUT WE WILL WANT YOU TO DO SO AS SOON AS THIS DIALOGUE WINDS DOWN. KISSINGER

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